

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 of the application to read as follows:

As best illustrated in Figure 2, the wand 42 and hose 44 of the upright vacuum cleaner 10 of the present invention are electrified in order to allow the user to operate a powered cleaning attachment 50. More particularly, the stretch hose 44 includes a flexible resin body 52 that is molded around a coiled reinforcing wire 54, a first insulated electrical conductor 56, a second insulated electrical conductor 58, and a third insulated electrical conductor 60. The wall of the resin body 52 is collapsible with resilient memory to assume a retracted or shortened length. Thus, when the wand 42 and hose 44 are carried on the apparatus 10 in their designated positions as shown in Figure 1 for normal floor cleaning, the stretch hose assumes a static length ~~A~~. In contrast, when the wand 42 is used for above floor cleaning, the hose 4 may be stretched to a longer length ~~B where B is greater than A~~ by extending the collapsible wall of the body ~~58~~ 52. The added length provided by the stretch hose 44 is particularly useful when trying to clean with the wand 42 and any associated cleaning attachments. This is because larger areas may be cleaned without having to move the main body of the apparatus 10. Further, this benefit is achieved without having to store an extra length of hose since the resilient memory of the hose 44 returns the hose to a retracted condition and ~~shorter~~ static length ~~A~~ when not in use.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10 of the application to read as follows:

As illustrated in Figure 2, the wand 42 includes a first section 66 and a second section 68. In the illustrated embodiment, the two sections 62, 68 are telescoping. More specifically, the wand 42 may be extended or retracted by depressing the actuator 70. Once the wand 42 is extended or retracted to the desired length the actuator 70 is released to lock the wand in the desired position. The wand 42 may also include a control switch 71 for selectively activating and deactivating the electrical drive motor 86 of the powered cleaning attachment 50. Additional details relating to such an electrified wand 42 may be gleaned from reviewing, for example, U.S. Patent 6,148,474 to Ohara et al.